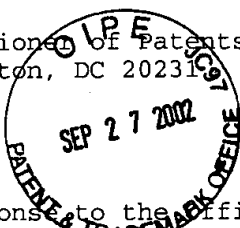


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Response To Office Action of 08/27/2002

In response to the Office Action of 08/27/2002, please amend the above application as follows prior to examination on merits. Substitute claims drawings and specification are attached.

I. Title

No change

II. Abstract

No Change

III. Drawings and Specification

Specification:

The applicant respectfully submits revisions to the specification as in the marked up and revised versions for entry. These amendments remove errors and provide clarifications as in related co-pending applications. New Drawing references have been included. No new matter has been added.

Drawings:

Figures 0J and 4 J have been added without adding new matter to illustrate: The ejection control - shock absorbing locking mechanisms (620) that detach for egress and ingress but resistively stretch under lateral impact loads and thereby control ejection on the far side; Auxiliary brakes (621) for additional control of secondary slide motion under impact; and the inside airbag deflators (622).

Figure 0K has been added without adding new matter to illustrate the alternative structure with secondary slides (111) mounted directly to the fixed body members (624) and ejecting (625) and non-ejecting (626) elements of the passenger support mechanisms.

Figure 16A1 has been added to illustrate the Safety Foot switch (623) for operating the egress/ingress ejection mechanism.

IV. Claims

Claim 2:

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"b) a plurality of passenger support mechanisms each having ejecting elements and non-ejecting elements and each of said passenger support mechanisms mounted in pairs on each of the left and the right sides of the said vehicle on at least one lateral axes such that the pair having its members closest to the external surface of the vehicle structure constitutes an outermost pair and such that the pair having its members closest to the center of the vehicle structure constitutes an innermost pair;"

With

"b) a plurality of passenger support mechanisms each having ejecting elements and non-ejecting elements and each of said passenger support mechanisms mounted in pairs on each of the left and the right sides of the said vehicle on at least one lateral axis;"

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